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TAGS: PINS, PINT, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF TERRORIST ACTS TO FREE MONTONERO LEADER ROBERTO QUIETO

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0016

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, MONTONERO LEADER ROBERTO QUIETO WAS PICKED UP IN AN EXTRALEGAL ARREST ON DECEMBER 28. WE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT QUIETO IS ALIVE AND IS BEING HELD AND INTERROGATED BY THE ARGENTINE ARMY. QUIETO'S FATE APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE HIM IN CUSTODY. HE APPARENTLY HAS GIVEN A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON MONTONERO ACTIVITIES AND CAPABILITIES WHICH WILL PROVE VERY USEFUL TO THE SECURITY FORCES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING TERRORISTS UNDER CONTROL. B1, EC

2. REPORTEDLY, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE AWARE THAT QUIETO IS ALIVE AND IS BEING INTERROGATED SOURCES INDICATE MONTONEROS MAY BE PLANNING SOME MAJOR ACTION TO FREE HIM. B1, EC

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ACTION PLANNED BY THE MONTONEROS MIGHT BE AIMED AT THE EMBASSY, THE SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING SERIES OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE (SEE SEPTEL).

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